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FOR ARA FROM WHITE 1

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, OEXC, TGEN, OAS

SUBJ: OAS EIGHT CIECC MEETING

SUMMARY: CIECC MEETING OPENED AUSPICIOUSLY FOR US WITH  
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT GIVEN TO READING OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.  
ENTIRE GOU PRESENT FOR INAUGURAL CEREMONY WHICH INCLUDED  
REFERENCES TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS BY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
(GOU MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OAS SECRETARY GENERAL). ORFILA  
SEES NEED FOR RENEWAL OF STRUCTURE OF "CONTINENTAL" COOPERATION  
TO MEET CHALLENGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE BROUGHT ON BY  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MEXICAN ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION NAMING  
CHILEAN REP TO RESPOND ON BEHALF OF ALL DELEGATIONS HAS BEEN  
ONLY CONTRETEMPS. NUMBER OF CHILEAN DELEGATION PRIVATELY  
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EXPRESSED ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION'S DEFENSE OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE EIGHT CIECC OPENED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY, POMP  
AND CEREMONY; US DELEGATION HEAD READ THE PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE  
AT THE END OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION THURSDAY AFTERNOON, THE  
ONLY CHIEF OF STATE'S MESSAGE TO THE MEETING. IT RECEIVED WARM

APPLAUSE AND GENERAL PRAISE. WASHINGTON-DATELINED NEWS REPORTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO THE CONFERENCE AND WHITE'S AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT TO HEAD USDEL APPEARED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

2. PRELIMINARY AND FIRST PLENARY SESSIONS ATTENDED TO THE ROUTINE ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS OF APPROVING AGENDA AND ELECTING CONFERENCE OFFICERS. IN A SURPRISE MOVE, OBVIOUSLY ORCHESTRATED BY THE SOUTHERN CONE GOVERNMENTS, ARGENTINA PROPOSED AND PARAGUAY CALLED FOR THE SELECTION BY ACCLAMATION OF THE CHILEAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION TO SPEAK FOR ALL THE DELEGATIONS AT THE INAUGURAL SESSION IN EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR GOU ORGANIZATION OF MEETING. AT THE AFTERNOON MEETING, MEXICO WHICH HAS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE, ANNOUNCED ITS ABSTENTION ON THE SELECTION.

3. THE PRESIDENT OF URUGUAY, ACCOMPANIED BY THE MILITARY CHIEFS AND HIS CABINET ATTENDED THE PROTOCOLARY INAUGURAL SESSION. THE SPEECH BY THE URUGUAYAN MINISTER OF EDUCATION, WHO WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CIECC THURSDAY, WAS RAMBLING AND UNREMARKABLE EXCEPT FOR A REFERENCE AT THE END TO URUGUAY'S CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (MONTEVIDEO 485).

4. OAS SECGEN ORFILA DELIVERED WELL-THOUGHT-OUT ADDRESS REFERRING TO PREPONDERANT ROLE OF US IN INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM. BESIDES POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS PANAMA CANAL WHERE "FREEDOM OF FRATERNAL PEOPLE IS AT STAKE", ORFILA SAID THAT US COOPERATION IS "ESSENTIAL" IN OTHER AREAS INASMUCH AS US IS "PRINCIPAL MOTOR OF TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT". ORFILA THEN REFERRED EXPLICITLY TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CIECC AND QUOTED CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH PRAISING HIS VISION OF A MORE PEACEFUL AND JUST WORLD WITH RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. SUCH A "COMMITMENT", ORFILA SAID, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS WITHIN CIECC'S PURVIEW.

5. THEME OF ORFILA'S SPEECH WAS THE NEED TO INTEGRATE LATIN AMERICA IN TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE AS "PARTICIPANT" AND NOT MERE PASSIVE "RECIPIENT". DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (READ US) HAVE OBLIGATION TO PROMOTE THIS COOPERATION, HE SAID, BECAUSE LATIN AMERICA, EVEN IF NOT AN ORIGINATOR, IS DEEPLY AFFECTED BY THE "MANIPULATION OF TECHNOLOGY". ORFILA SUGGESTED THAT AN "AMBITIOUS PROJECT OF RENEWAL OF CONTINENTAL COOPERATION" WAS NEEDED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE.

6. MEMBERS OF CHILEAN DELEGATION HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE FOR NEW SIGNS OF INCREASED US SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH US DELEGATION MEMBER CHILEAN REP SAID THAT PEOPLE IN HIS COUNTRY WELCOMED ACCUMULATING EVIDENCE OF NEW US

COMMITMENT TO HOLD UP STANDARD OR BENCHMARK AGAINST WHICH  
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WOULD BE EVALUATED.  
SUCH A STANDARD, HE SAID, ACTED AS A DETERRENT TO VIOLATORS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND AS ENCOURAGEMENT TO DEFENDERS OF THESE RIGHTS.  
ACCORDING TO CHILEAN REP, PRESIDENT CARTER IS ALREADY BEING  
REFERRED TO AS "SANTIAGO" OR "ST. JIMMY" FOR HAVING PERFORMED  
"MIRACLE" OF HELPING TO BRING ABOUT RELEASE OF SOME POLITICAL  
PRISONERS LAST OCTOBER ON EVE OF U.S. ELECTION. CHILEAN  
CRITICIZED HIS GOVERNMENT FOR TWO-FACED POLICY OF EXCHANGING  
CORVALAN FOR BUKOVSKY PRECISELY AT TIME THAT SOME TWENTY  
OPPOSITION PEOPLE VANISHED.  
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